Dear Education Committee Members,

I strongly request that you consider amending HB 5554. The concept I would like to add:

That part III of chapter 164 of the general statutes be amended to permit the legislative bodies of member towns of a regional school district to participate in the process of determining the composition and structure of the regional school district.

It is imperative that the citizens of Hampton have a majority voice to deliver a sound education at an affordable price. It is highly unlikely that the members that populate our Boards of Education and their constituents (CABE-CEA) will move this issue forward in a timely matter. An **exit poll** conducted election day 2015 in the Tri-Town area Chaplin, Hampton, and Hampton all three towns wanted change over the statues-que. To date neither our Regional or Local Boards of Educations have done any thing to support this mandate for change to deliver education to our students. Thus, I ask again to empower town government and boards of selectmen to initiate a study to honor the community concern for change. Respectfully, Allan Cahill

First Selectman Town of Hampton